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The Griffin, Temple Bar. This is the boundary of the City precincts, and here when the King comes into the City in state, he is met by the Lord Mayor bearing the Sword of London, which he gives up to the monarch. Wren's old gateway stood here until 1878, and here the heads of "traitors" were spiked until wind and weather blew them down. Titus Oates and Defoe both stood in the Temple Bar pillory. The old gate was condemned as an obstruction, and is replaced by a rather inadequate pedestal and griffin.

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